



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 218

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Substitute House Bill No. 5708

House of Representatives, March 26, 2015

The Committee on Environment reported through REP. ALBIS of the 99th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT TRANSIT SITE IN NEW HAVEN.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 3 of special act 14-23 is amended to read as
2 follows (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, the
4 Commissioner of Transportation, upon the approval of the
5 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, shall
6 convey to the city of New Haven a parcel of land located in the city of
7 New Haven and any improvement upon said parcel, at a cost equal to
8 the administrative costs of making such conveyance. Said parcel of
9 land has an area of approximately 6.95 acres and is identified as lot
10 1100 in Block 603 of city of New Haven Tax Assessor's Map 181,
11 located at 470 James Street. The conveyance shall be subject to the
12 approval of the State Properties Review Board.

13 (b) The city of New Haven shall use said parcel of land and any

14 improvement upon said parcel for municipal purposes, including the
 15 relocation of public service departments, and for economic
 16 development purposes. If the city of New Haven:

17 (1) Does not use said parcel or improvement for said purposes;

18 (2) Does not retain ownership of all of said parcel or improvement;
 19 or

20 (3) Leases all or any portion of said parcel or improvement;

21 the parcel and improvement shall revert to the state of Connecticut.

22 [(c) The state shall not be liable for any costs or claims related to the
 23 pollution or contamination on or emanating from the parcel or the
 24 remediation of such pollution or contamination, which pollution or
 25 contamination resulted from a discharge, spillage, uncontrolled loss,
 26 seepage or filtration on said parcel prior to the conveyance of said
 27 parcel.]

28 [(d)] (c) The State Properties Review Board shall complete its review
 29 of the conveyance of said parcel of land not later than thirty days after
 30 it receives a proposed agreement from the Department of
 31 Transportation. The land shall remain under the care and control of the
 32 Department of Transportation until a conveyance is made in
 33 accordance with the provisions of this section. The State Treasurer
 34 shall execute and deliver any deed or instrument necessary for a
 35 conveyance under this section, which deed or instrument shall include
 36 provisions to carry out the purposes of [subsections (b) and (c)]
 37 subsection (b) of this section. The Commissioner of Transportation
 38 shall have the sole responsibility for all other incidents of such
 39 conveyance.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	SA 14-23, Sec. 3

ENV *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill adds an approval requirement from the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) to an existing property conveyance from the Department of Transportation to the City of New Haven. This has no fiscal impact because providing such approval is within the scope of DECD's activities in the area of economic development.

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Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 29 Nay 0 (03/11/2015)